By the kynge and the Quene.

WHereas by the Statute made in the seconde yeare of kynge Henry the fourth, concernyng the repressing of heresies, there is ordeyned and prouided a great punyshment, not onely for the aucthors, makers, and wryters of bookes, conteynynge wycked doctryne, and erronious and heriticall opinions, contrarye to the catholyque fayth, and determination of the holy churche, and lykewyse for theyr fautours and supporters, but also for suche as shall haue or kepe any suche bokes, or wrytinges, and not make deliuerie of them to the Ordinarie of the dioces or his ministers within a certayne tyme limited in the sayde Statute, as by the sayd Statute more at lardge it doth appeare. Which act or statute being by auctoritie of parliament of late reuiued, was also openly proclamed, to thintent the subiectes of the Realme vpon such proclamation should the rather eschue the daunger and penaltye of the sayde Statute, and as yet neuertheles, in most partes of the realme, the same is neglected, and lytle regarded.

The kyng and quene, our souerayne Lord and Lady therfore, most entierly, and earnestly tendering the preseruation, and saulfty, aswel of the soules, as of the bodyes, landes, and substaunce of al theyr good and louyng subiectes, and others, and mindyng to roote out, and extinguysh al false doctrine and heresies, and other occasions of seismes, diuisions, and sectes that come by the same heresyes and false doctryne, straytly charge, and commaunde, that no person or persons, of what estate, degree, or condicion soeuer he or they be, from henceforth presume to bryng or conueye, or cause to be brought or conueyed into this realme, any bookes, wrytynges, or workes, hereafter mencioned: that is to saye, any boke or bookes, writtinges, or workes, made or set forth by, or in the name of Martyn Luther or any boke or bokes wrytynges, or workes, made or sette forth by, or in the name of Occolampadius, Swinglius John Caluyne, Pomerane, John Alasco, Bullynger, Bucer, Melancthon, Barnardinus Ochinus, Erasmus Sarcerius, Peter Martyr, Hughe Latymer, Robert Barnes, otherwyse called freere Barnes. John Bale, otherwyse called freer Bale, Justus Jonas, John Hoper, Myles Couerdale, Wyllyam Tyndale, Thomas Crammer late Archebyshop of Cãterbury, Wyllyam Turner, Theodore Basyll, otherwyse called Thomas Beacon, John Fryth, Roy, and the boke commonly called Halles Cronycles, or anye of them, in the latyne tongue, Duche tongue, Englyshe tongue, Italyan tongue, or Frenche tongue, or any other lyke boke, paper, wrytynge, or worke, made, prynted, or set forth, by any other person or persons, conteynynge false doctryne, contrarye, and agaynste the catholique fayth, and the doctryne of the catholyque Churche.

And also that no person or persones, presume to wryte, prynt, vtter, sell, reade, or kepe or cause to be wrytten, prynted, vttered rede, or kept any of the sayde bookes, papers, workes or wrytinges, or any booke, or bookes, wrytten or prynted in the Latyne or Englyshe tounge, concernyng the common seruyce and mynystration, set forth in englyshe, to be vsed in the churches, of this realme, in the tyme of kyng Edwarde the sixt, commonly called the communion booke, or bookes, of common seruyce and orderyng of ministers, otherwyse called the booke set forth by auctoritie of parliament, for common prayer and admynystratiõ of the Sacramentes, to be vsed in the mother toungue, within the churche of Englande,

but ſhall wythin the ſpace of fiftene dayes nexte after the publication of this proclamation, bryng, or deliuer, or cauſe the ſayd bookes wrytinges, and workes, and euerye of them remayning in their cuſtodies and keping, to be brought and deliuered to thordinarye of the dioces, where ſuch bookes, workes, or wrytinges, be or remayne, or to his Chauncellour or Commyſſaryes, wythout fraude collour or deceypte, at the ſayde Ordinaryes will, and diſpoſition, to be burnte, or otherwyſe to be vſed or ordered by the ſayd Ordinaryes, as by the Canons and ſpirituall lawes, it is in that caſe lympted and appoynted, vpon payne & euery offendour contrary to this proclamation, ſhal incurre the daunger and penalties conteyned in the ſayd Statute, and as they wyll auoyde their maieſties high indignation and diſpleaſure, and further aunſwere at their vttermoſt periles. And their maieſties by thys proclamation, geueth full power and aucthoritie to all Biſchoppes and Ordinaries, & all Juſtices of peace Maiors, Sheriffes, Baylyffes of cities, and townes corporate, and other hedde officers wythin this realme and the dominions therof, and expreſſelie commaundeth and willeth the ſame, and euery of them, that they and euery of them wythin their ſeuerall lymptes and iuriſdictions, ſhal in the defaulte and necligence of the ſayde ſubiectes, after the ſayd fiftene dayes expyred, enquire and ſearch out the ſayd bookes, wrytinges, and workes and for this purpoſe entre into the houſe or houſes, cloſettes, and ſecretes places of euerye perſon of whatſoeuer degre, being negligent in this behalfe, and ſuſpected to kepe any ſuch booke, writing, or workes, contrary to this proclamation. And that the ſayd Juſtices Maiors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, and other head officers aboue ſpecified, and euery of them wythin their ſayd lymptes and iuriſdictions, fyndyng any of the ſayd ſubiects negligent and faultie in this behalfe, ſhall commytte euery ſuch offendour to warde, there to remayne wythoute bayle or mayne pryſe, tyll the ſame offendour or offendours haue receaued ſuch punyſhmēt as the ſayd ſtature doth lympte and appoynte in this behalfe. Geuen vnder our Signes Manuell, at our honour of Hampton courte, the. xvii. day of June, the firſt & ſecond yeares of our reygnes.

God ſaue the Kynge and the Queene

Excuſum Londinii in ædibus Iohannis Cawodi

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